



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Student Eligibility Guidance for High School Principals and Athletic Administrators

Bylaw 4-4-3, Restoration and Removal of Scholastic Eligibility

This document will focus on Bylaw 4-4-3, which reads as follows:

BYLAW 4-4-3 *The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective. For the purposes of this bylaw, "school day" includes faculty in-service days, calamity days and regular school attendance days but not holidays or school breaks.*

EXCEPTION 1: *Eligibility or ineligibility for the first grading period commences with the start of the fall sports season.*

EXCEPTION 2: *A student coming off the "ineligible status" may become eligible after the fifth calendar day immediately following the end of the grading period provided those grades can be obtained and verified by a school administrator.*

There are no rulings required for either of the exceptions to Bylaw 4-4-3, but school administrators are encouraged to reach out to the compliance staff for clarification on any certain situation. Below are examples of when the grades from the "immediately preceding grading period" become effective:

Example #1:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9 Grading Period Ends	Nov. 10
Nov. 11	Nov. 12 Regular School Day (1)	Nov. 13 Regular School Day (2)	Nov. 14 Regular School Day (3)	Nov. 15 Regular School Day (4)	Nov. 16 Regular School Day (5)**	Nov. 17

** Immediately Preceding Grading Period Grades become effective at the start of this day

Example #2:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1	April 2	April 3 Grading Period Ends	April 4 Calamity Day (1)	April 5 Easter Break (Holiday)	April 6 Easter Break (Holiday)	April 7
April 8	April 9 Faculty In- Service Day (2)	April 10 Regular School Day (3)	April 11 Regular School Day (4)	April 12 Regular School Day (5)**	April 13	April 14

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Example #3:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20 Grading Period Ends	Dec. 21 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 22
Dec. 23	Dec. 24 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 25 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 26 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 27 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 28 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 29
Dec. 30	Dec. 31 Winter Break (Holiday)	Jan. 1 Calamity Day (1)	Jan. 2 Regular School Day (2)	Jan. 3 Regular School Day (3)	Jan. 4 Regular School Day (4)	Jan. 5
Jan. 6	Jan. 7 Regular School Day (5)**	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12

** Immediately Preceding Grading Period Grades become effective at the start of this day

Example #4: **Example of Bylaw 4-4-3 Exception 2 Situation**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20 Grading Period Ends	Dec. 21 Winter Break (Holiday) (Calendar Day #1)	Dec. 22 (Calendar Day #2)
Dec. 23 (Calendar Day #3)	Dec. 24 Winter Break (Holiday) (Calendar Day #4)	Dec. 25 Winter Break (Holiday) (Calendar Day #5)	Dec. 26 Winter Break (Holiday)- Eligibility Restored if Able to Verify Grades**	Dec. 27 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 28 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 29

** Immediately Preceding Grading Period Grades become effective at the start of this day for students coming off ineligible status

Please feel free to contact Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org) if you have any questions!